

Declaration, Power Of Attorney and Petition

WE (I) the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that :

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLIES WITH DOUBLE CONFINEMENT BARRIER

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on 05/03/2006

as Application Serial No. 10/578,147

and amended on

☒ was filed as PCT international application

Number PCT/FR2004/050548

on October 28, 2006

and was amended under PCT Article 19

on

We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

We (I) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application (s)

| Application No. | Country | Day/month/Year | Priority Claimed | |
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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in these prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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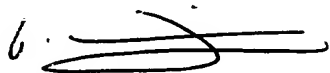
I hereby appoint practitioners associated with **Customer Number: 46,188** as attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. If this application is assigned by me I agree and understand that the above-named attorneys will represent the assignee and not me.

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